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UNITED STATES INTELLIGENCE BOARD
COMMITTEE ON PROCUREMENT OF FOREIGN PUBLICATIONS
DRAFT ANNUAL REPORT TO THE NSC ON THE STATUS
OF THE FOREIGN INTELLIGENCE PROGRAM

I. AUTHORITY

The Intelligence Advisory Committee (IAC) approved DCID 2/5 in May 1958, establishing the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications. The National Security Council dissolved the IAC on 15 September 1958 and established the United States Intelligence Board. IAC committee structure was approved for USIB. This report reflects the activities of the Committee on Procurement of Foreign Publications for the Fiscal Year 1959.

II. MAJOR DEVELOPMENTS

a. Evaluation Studies. The publications procurement activities of field collectors in the Far East have been evaluated and a coordinated paper distributed, commenting on the effectiveness and appreciation for such collection. Similar papers on Latin America, the Scandinavian countries and Africa are in preparation.

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b. Field Trips.

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c. Expansion of Membership. The three national libraries: Library of Congress, National Library of Medicine and the Department of Agriculture Library were asked to participate in PROCIB as full members. Membership now includes: AEC, Agriculture, Air, Army, ^{CIA,} FBI, JIG, IC, Navy, NIM, NSA, NSP,⁶ Secretary of Defense, State and USIA.

d. Increased Reporting of Foreign Publications Receipts. In October 1958, a letter was sent to the various U.S. Government agencies known to receive foreign publications, urging them to report their foreign receipts through such established media as the Bibliography of Agriculture, Current List of Medical Literature, or the two Library of Congress publications: Monthly Index of Russian Accessions, and the East European Accessions Index. Along these lines, CIA pulled together information on the receipt of USSR serial publications in the USIB community, and is planning to publish a consolidated listing.

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III. MAJOR PROBLEMS

The past year brought to focus several areas of concern to PROCIB in its efforts to improve the programs for the procurement of foreign publications. A selection of these continuing programs is given below:

a. Use of Foreign Currencies Available Under Public Law 480.

The 85th Congress amended Public Law 480 to permit the use of available foreign currencies for programs involving the procurement, processing, translation, etc. of foreign publications. The program is to be under the direction of the Librarian of Congress and the National Science Foundation in consultation with other interested agencies. PROCIB is taking an active role in a consultative and coordinating capacity.

b. Library of Congress Indexes Announcing Availability of Foreign

Publications. The Library of Congress has been publishing for years the Monthly Index of Russian Accessions and the East European Accessions Index,

25X1A12a [REDACTED] These two projects, together with a proposed Monthly Index of Chinese Accessions under consideration, are going to cost close to \$1,000,000 in Fiscal Year 1960. [REDACTED]

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c. Publications Exchanges with Countries with whom the U.S. has no

Diplomatic Relations. In some cases, an exchange of publications with foreign libraries or research institutions is the only way to secure publications of interest. This is particularly true in countries with whom the U.S. has no diplomatic relations, such as Communist China, East Germany,

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North Korea, North Viet Nam, [Bulgaria] and the Mongolian Peoples' Republic. PROCIB asked the Department of State for a statement of policy as guidance in the exchange program with these countries.

IV. MAJOR OBJECTIVES

The Committee will continue to meet with field collectors, whether in the field or on their home leave. The Committee will review and evaluate the various procurement programs and will make recommendations to ensure that maximum utilization is made of the various media for publications procurement by the U.S. Government. The Committee will [be available to] act in an advisory capacity to academic institutions requesting procurement information that can be made available. This committee will coordinate activities with those of the USIB Committees on Documentation and Exploitation.

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